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BEAVERTON STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN 6TH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST

- Students Grades K-12 to Express Importance of Human and Civil Rights through any Artistic Medium -

BEAVERTON, Oregon (January 26, 2010) – The City of Beaverton **Human Rights Advisory Commission** (BHRAC) is now accepting entries for its annual Creative Expression Contest. The contest is an opportunity for Beaverton-area students grades K-12, attending public, private or home school in Beaverton, to share their thoughts, feelings, experiences, and ideas about the importance of human and civil rights.

"This is a unique opportunity for Beaverton students to share their insights on a globally important issue," said Mayor Doyle. "I'm looking forward to the ingenuity and talent that I'm sure will come from this contest."

Creativity is highly encouraged and entries may take the form of an artistic medium including, but not limited to writing, film, dance, music, painting or sculpture. Students may tell about a personal experience from their life or the life of your family, write about a time you felt included or excluded or saw this happening to someone else. Students may also share something about a civil rights hero or imagine a world in which everyone lives and works together in peace. Convey the importance of respect and acceptance at home, school, in your community or in the world – whether you see it or you don't.

Submissions must be received in the Human Resources Department at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010. Entry forms and bright green contest flyers can be found at all Beaverton schools, Beaverton City Library, the Human Resources department at City Hall, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District centers or online at www.beavertonoregon.gov/creative.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: elementary school, middle school and high school. The first place winner in each category will receive a \$50 gift card to Powell's Books from the Commission. Two runner-up winners in each category will receive a \$25 Powell's gift card. All winners will be celebrated at a reception and televised awards ceremony at a city council meeting in May. Entries may be submitted by as individual, in a pair, with a small group or as a classroom project, however, only one prize will be awarded per entry.

For more information, please contact BHRAC at (503) 526-2569 or email hrac@ci.beaverton.or.us.

ABOUT BHRAC

The nine member commission was formed in April 1993. The general purpose is to help the citizens and government of Beaverton achieve the goal of embracing and celebrating diversity, eliminating bigotry and enhancing a sense of community. The commission continues to be involved in a number of annual events that

promote diversity and basic human rights in the Beaverton community. The two largest of these are the Annual Diversity Awards and the Creative Expression Contest.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among the other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists.

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